PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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**REMARKS** 

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify Applicants' claim invention. No new matter

has been added.

Regarding the prior art rejections, none of the cited references disclose or suggest at least

"wherein the direct reflux flow passage is formed on the inner face of the container and the

porous body sheet is mounted thereon to close an opening of the direct reflux passage."

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

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